



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

RESPIRATORY CARE AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS: Respiratory therapists play a vital role in ensuring the overall health and wellbeing of many Georgia citizens. These healthcare professionals treat and care for patients of all ages who experience difficulty breathing, such as those suffering from chronic or acute respiratory diseases; and
- WHEREAS: Respiratory therapists may also provide life-saving care to patients suffering from heart attacks, drowning, or shock, among others; and
- WHEREAS: Lung disease is a debilitating health condition that affects millions of people across the United States and significantly impacts daily life for affected individuals; and
- WHEREAS: General respiratory disorders lead to a high number of doctor's visits and deaths each year. Respiratory therapists offer those affected by such disorders, including lung disease, with critical support and healthcare management to improve their overall quality of life; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia recognizes the many organizations such as the Georgia Society for Respiratory Care that are committed to improving respiratory health. The mission of the Georgia Society for Respiratory Care is to inspire, educate, support and advocate for respiratory health; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia Society for Respiratory Care represents Georgia's respiratory therapists in all health care settings, as well as managers of respiratory and cardiopulmonary services and educators of respiratory care training; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 24, 2018, as RESPIRATORY CARE AWARENESS DAY in Georgia and welcome members of the GEORGIA SOCIETY FOR RESPIRATORY CARE to the State Capitol.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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